

SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH

Founded 1906

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.

Monday – Friday: 7:30 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions): Saturdays 4:15 to 4:45 PM, also by appointment

Reverend Monsignor Gerard C. Mesure, J.D., J.C.D., M.A. ... *Pastor*

Reverend Sean P. Bransfield, J.C.L., M.A., M.Div. ... *Parochial Vicar*

Reverend John A. McGinnis ... *Retired Priest*

Deacon Michael J. Kubiak

Director of Parish Outreach ... Peggy Haley

Director of Liturgical Music ... Berthilla Wiscount

Coordinator of Religious Education ... Peggy Haley

Weekend Assistance: Rev. Gregory Finn OSJ and Rev. Quan Tran

NEW PARISHIONERS: *Welcome to Saint Matthias Parish!* Please see one of the priests after any weekend Mass or call the Rectory if you are interested in registering at Saint Matthias Parish.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SICK CALLS: *Emergencies – Please call the Rectory. Hospital Visitation –* The Parish Priests will be happy to visit any Parishioner who is hospitalized. Please contact the Rectory, since hospitals *do not* contact the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: The Sacrament of Baptism is administered most Sundays at 11:30 a.m. Arrangements are made in advance at the Rectory. Sponsors must provide proof of eligibility by a letter from their respective Pastors. First-time parents attend a Pre-Jordan Meeting prior to baptism, which is arranged at a mutually convenient time.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made with the parish *at least* six months before the date of the Wedding.



JUNE 9, 2019 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 9, 2019

Pentecost Sunday



Saturday, June 8 – *Weekday*

8:00 AM Josephine Hogan
5:00 PM Rocque Fernandez

Sunday, June 9 – *Pentecost Sunday*

8:30 AM Angelina Ciarello
10:30 AM In Thanksgiving from the White Family
7:00 PM 1st Anniversary of Josephine Hogan

Monday, June 10 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM John and Helen Hughes – 65th Wedding Anniversary

Tuesday, June 11 – *Saint Barnabas*

7:30 AM Rev. Thomas J. Hannley

Wednesday, June 12 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM Rita and Frank Spatacco

Thursday, June 13 – *Saint Anthony of Padua*

7:30 AM **In Thanksgiving for our Faith, Family and Friends***

Friday, June 14 – *Weekday*

7:30 AM Agnes Dixon

Saturday, June 15 – *Weekday*

8:00 AM **For the Gift of the Life of Patricia Finn Thornton***
5:00 PM Ernest Augustine

Sunday, June 16 – *The Most Holy Trinity*

8:30 AM Louise Vesci
10:30 AM James and Nora Rita Gibbons
7:00 PM Lauren Shenoy

** Extra ordinary support through the Saint Matthias Day Program.*

LIVING LIGHTS: If you have a prayer request and would like a special intention candle lit, we have three candles on the side of the sanctuary near the Sacred Heart Statue that burn for a week.

There is a donation of \$10.00 for an intention. Please call the rectory with your intention request by Friday of the previous week.

June 9, 2019



What is Pentecost Sunday?

Pentecost, also known as **Whit Sunday** or Whitsunday, is observed fifty days (approx. seven weeks) after **Easter** and 10 days after Ascension. The earliest day that Pentecost Sunday can fall is 10 May (as in 1818) and the latest possible date is June 13th (next in 2038). It marks the end of the Easter Cycle, that began 90 days ago with Ash Wednesday at the start of Lent.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Rose Augustine, Lorraine Beaulieu, Richard & Mary Jane Breen, Christopher Browne, Sister Margaret Donohue, R.S.M., Terri Gaspar, Louise Grato, Raymond Hinson, Dr. Joan Hurlock, Rev. John Kelly, S.J., Chadd Kraus, Eleanor Kuhl, Ann Ledgister, Terry Leibfreid, Rev. James Moore, S.J., Mrs. Agata Pacellia, Michele Smith, Jim Trainer, Louise Vesci, Rev. Thomas Wheeler, S.J., Jack Yura. We also pray for those served by our Parish in Inglis House and Bala Nursing Home.

Please help us keep this list current: if you wish to have someone's name added to/removed from the Sick List, kindly contact the Rectory.

MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Patricia Black, Andrea Constantino, Mike DeMonte, Maggie Duffy, Brian Fogarty, Peggy Haley (*ex-officio*), Ed Kiefski, Claudia Martinez, Ray Nepomuceno, Gina Sullivan, H. Nelson Keyser (*finance council rep.*), Berthilla Wiscount (*ex-officio*), Megan Zak

Sacrificial Giving ~ Stewardship

June 8 & 9, 2019 - \$6,796
June 2 & 3, 2018 - \$6,498
Ascension - \$1,968

Thank you for your continued sacrificial generosity!

Priest Celebrant Schedule: June 15 & 16

5:00 PM Rev. John McGinnis
8:30 AM Rev. Sean Bransfield
10:30 AM Msgr. Gerard Mesure
7:00 PM Rev. Quan Tran



SAINT MATTHIAS PARISH VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2019

THEME "Under Construction"

June 24th to June 28th 9:00 AM to 12 Noon

Lunch Bunch 12:00 Noon to 12:45 (bring your lunch)

Children ages K through 4th grade

5th to 8th grade Jr. Volunteers.

High School Students Camp Assistants

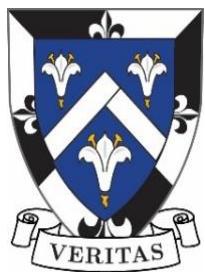
REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT ENTRANCES

*Taking a vacation this summer?
Your parish doesn't!*



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

More information at www.saintmatthias.org



Fr. David Adiletta, O.P., who served in the Dominican mission in East Africa for nine years, will preach a mission appeal at all Masses today as part of this year's Missionary Cooperation Plan. Fr. David invites all parishioners to become spiritual partners with the Dominican friars

who serve in the mission, where they are engaged in the work of evangelization and faith development in a poor and underserved region. Their mission depends on the support of the faithful here at home. Your generosity is appreciated.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

June 15 & 16

Lectors

5:00 PM Alex Horn
8:30 AM Kathy Johnson
10:30 AM Therese Trainer
7:00 PM Vanessa Kraus

Ministers of Holy Communion

5:00 PM Alex and Maria Horn
8:30 AM Deacon Mike and Eileen Keenan
10:30 AM Peggy Haley and Therese Trainer
7:00 PM Victoria Britt and Vanessa Kraus

Altar Servers

5:00 PM Keira Gibbons and Emily Donoghue
8:30 AM Stevie Rothberg, Logan Rothberg and Annabel Shin
10:30 AM Teddy Eisenstein, Gerard Wilk and Nathan Tran
7:00 PM Keiko Nguyen, Hanna Nguyen and Eva Kraus

Greeters

5:00 PM Dave Fabry and Katie Bryson
8:30 AM Jenny Custer, Eileen Keenan and Stephanie Shin
10:30 AM Jeff Haley, Peggy Haley and Mary Whelihan
7:00 PM Mary Switkey and Maddie Brown

Counters

Shane & Diann Coady & Louise Vesci



Intentions of
Pope Francis

June 2019 – Evangelization

That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those most poor.



Catholic Charities 2019 "Partners in Hope"

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs, and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries are grouped into 5 key areas: Education; Social Services; Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life; Clergy; and Local Mission Activities. The overall goal this year is \$12.5 million. Our parish goal remains the same as last year \$50, 536. **As of June 4, 2019, 76 parishioners have donated a total of \$19,126 or 38% of our goal. Please be generous!**



Each year, we publish a listing in the bulletin of all our parish graduates (high school, college, graduate, post-graduate, etc.) and other good news of our parishioners. This year, the list will appear in the **June 23rd** bulletin. Please email information directly to nickfiorellini@gmail.com or call the Rectory at 610-664-0207 with the information **no later than Monday, June 17th at 12:00 Noon. Because of printing deadlines, absolutely no submissions can be accepted after that date and time.** Please include: name, school graduating from (degree, if appropriate), school going to in the fall (major, if appropriate)/future plans, awards received, etc.

Verse of the Day – June 9, 2019

To them I will give within my temple and its walls a memorial and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that will endure forever.
Isaiah 56:5

Readings for the Week: June 9, 2019

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 12:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 5:20-26
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18; Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15

Quo Vadis Days – June 24-27, 2019



High school men are invited to gather for this 4-day, 3-night camp with the Philadelphia Seminarians. The camp includes dynamic talks, small group discussions, meaningful prayer experiences, and a fun environment including a ropes course, swimming pool, lake, basketball, soccer, frisbee, and more. A sliding scale registration fee of \$25-\$300 includes lodging, meals, t-shirt, and activities. To register, or for more information, visit HeedTheCall.org/QuoVadis or call the Vocation Office at (610) 667-5778.

Young Adult Emmaus Retreat

All young adults aged 18-35 are invited to attend this 24-hour retreat! Whether you are curious about Catholicism or are already deeply in love with the Church, we invite young people of all stages of faith to join us. This overnight retreat will bless all who attend—it is guaranteed! Single or married – you are welcome here.

Fr. Jim Otto and Fr. John Wackerman are the retreat directors for this all-new retreat!

Event Location: Malvern Retreat House
Date & Time: Friday June 28 – 6:30 PM to Saturday, June 29 – 12:00 PM



Casseroles for Saint John's Hospice

We are grateful to those who make casseroles, freeze them in foil pans (pans & recipes available in the church vestibules), then place them in the gym lobby on the morning of the **third Monday of each month**. The next pickup will be on **June 17, 2019**. Saint John's Hospice seeks to be a community that is grounded in faith and service. Here, homeless individuals find dignity, respect, nourishment, and opportunities for new beginnings. The hospice is in dire need of additional casseroles each month as the number of homeless men served has increased over the past years. Will you lend a hand by feeding the hungry? Many thanks to those who exercise this Corporal Work of Mercy.

Join Parishioners for the Phillis vs Pirates Ballgame this August!



Photo Courtesy of Mancino Digital Media

Join fellow Parishioners for the Phillies vs Pirates on Monday, August 26 at 7:05 PM

Altar Servers: In Thanks for your Ministry Service, your attendance to the game is free of charge.

If fifty tickets are sold, the **cost of attendance will only be \$10.00 per ticket.**

If there is sufficient interest, a bus will be ordered for transportation from the Parish. E-mail secretarymatthias@outlook.com or call Eileen at 610-664-0207 at the rectory to order seats. A non-refundable deposit is required to hold tickets; seats must be paid for by July 12, 2019.

Congratuatiions and Best Wishes

Elliott James Ciancio, son of Matthew Ciancio and Stephanie Toll Ciancio, and **Elise Angle**, daughter of James Angle and Estrella Macke Angle, were baptized this week. May God grant your little ones, all the blessing of God's love and enjoy a lifetime of health and happiness.

In Loving Memory

It is with great misfortune that we lost **Joseph F. O'Neill, Edward Rideout and Frances Eichman** this week. Our hearts go out to the families and loved ones in this time of sorrow.

Reflecting on the St. Matthias Youth Group Attends Retreat By Kathleen McCauley



Photo Courtesy of Cranaleith Spiritual Center

Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, May 19, 2019, I had the pleasure of accompanying our newly founded Youth Group on retreat at the beautiful Cranaleith Spiritual Center in the far Northeast. I was torn: This retreat happened on the same day as the closing Mass for PREP, but after much prayer I made the decision to join our youth. And I must say, this group continues to inspire me; they came to me and asked if I could form a group for them, they asked to go on retreat and they fundraised half of the cost of the retreat through a Mother's Day Bake Sale here at St. Matthias.

Great things are happening here at St. Matthias—and this letter below by Kathleen Mcauley about the youth group retreat is a wonderful example. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Peggy Haley, CRE

Do we all remember *God Spell*? The musical that came out on Broadway in the 70's with all these young people loving God and singing about it? It was rare, but a hit. And I feel like I just encountered a group of young people that epitomized that spirit.

I recently had the great fortune of giving a retreat to a youth group from St. Matthias Church in Bala Cynwyd. Here, I met this fun-loving, multi-talented, faith-filled group of young people. The first and most powerful thing about this group of teens is that they themselves had formed and founded their own youth group at the church.

That is amazing on many levels.

They were interested in going on a retreat at Cranaleith. What I can say is, this is every DRE's dream come true: Young people hungry to grow their faith and form community! —What a gift they are to this church, Cranaleith and the community.

As I try in planning all retreats, I wanted the youth group to have input in the structure and content of the day. I listened carefully through their nervous giggles and jokes to hear some key points of interests:

Quiet time and a space to work outside in the Earth and pray about what they should be doing. Being that young, it is hard to articulate the needs of such a group and how to grow their faith and community.

I structured the day to have quiet sessions, where they were instructed and reminded that being quiet begins mediation and prayer. Silence helps us slow down our bodies to hear the quiet workings of the soul.

Then there was time to go outside and experience another way to see divinity at work and our creator's treasures we often miss in our daily lives.

I spoke to them about St. Francis and his reverence for the Earth, the animals and all of God's creation. I invited them to explore ways of praying or talking to God when outside.

From here, I brought the group inside to see *God Spell* and listen to, "You are the Light of the World," which is featured in the play. We spent a good while talking about how they are the light in their worlds.

Because it was somewhat hard to grasp, I then turned their attention to Josh Groban's, "You Raise Me Up." While this song speaks about being carried by God in tough times, I wanted them to focus on two specific lines.

Then I am still and wait here in the silence

Until you come and wait and sit awhile with me.

What is this song all about? What is the value in sitting in silence? And what would that even look like for God to come and sit awhile with me?

I tried to explain to them that this is how our souls recharge. Within each of us is a soul, part of the divinity of God, and it hungers to be one with God. When we sit awhile with him, in his presence, or in his creation, we gain strength.

I made the analogy to the solar lamps we see everywhere these days. The beauty of the solar lamps is all contingent on basking in the light—and then we can shine.

I think they got it.

We then shifted to talk about the reality on the ground...how would they grow as a group? We broke this initiative into four areas:

1. Community
2. Fun
3. Faith
4. Service

We brainstormed about these areas and discussed clearly how they might follow through on some activities. What I tried to stress most to them is that community is the strongest of the four.

Not that faith is not just as important, but community—fostering the feeling of belonging is a faith dimension. It was what Jesus was trying to do all the time.

Our young people and society on a whole are hungry for community. This young youth group just needs to be intentional—not cliquy—and always inclusive to help break barriers and make all feel welcomed without judgement.

That is a tall order.

We finished our day with a private mass for the students, where we listed to *God Spell's* You are the Light of the World and You Raise Me Up and reflected on the words and meaning of being the light.

As we closed the mass and day, I gave each person a vase with pebbles. Each vase was accompanied with a cool cut glass solar light, a nod to both Josh Groban and divine light, and I invited them to put this light in their rooms—to sit awhile with God—as a reminder to be all that God has made them to be—to be a light.